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Page 43, line 13, change "blades" to --blade--.

Page 46, line 18, change "715" to --714--.

Page 48, line 21, change "797" to --796--.

Page 49, line 7, after "base" change "789" to --781--.

Page 50, line 5, after the first occurrence of "carrier" insert --789--.

Page 66, line 14, change "facilitate" to --facilitates--.

IN THE CLAIMS

13. (Amended) The procedure of claim 11 wherein the dissected internal mammary artery is sutured [between the two spaced-apart clamped positions on] to the occluded coronary artery.

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REMARKS

Applicants submit that the amendments presented herein do not add any new matter to the subject application and, in particular, the amendments to the specification presented herein merely correct a number of typographical errors overlooked in the parent application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.607 (c), Applicants hereby notify the Examiner that Applicants' claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 were copied verbatim from U.S. Patent No. 5,882,999, which issued on March 16, 1999 to Hassan Rastegar et al. (hereinafter "the Rastegar patent") and are identical to claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, respectively, of the Rastegar patent, and that Applicants' claims 8-18 were substantially copied from the Rastegar patent, with only minor differences in claim language, and correspond to claims 1-11, respectively, of the Rastegar patent. Applicants added the

subject claims to the subject application in order to provoke an interference between the subject application and Rastegar patent. A Request for Interference under 37 CFR § 1.607 is being filed on an even date herewith. Thus, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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